

	OPERATING PROCEDURE	
	<i>AMPUTATION INJURIES</i>	
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	Approved By:	
		Approved By Operational Medical Director: 

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1. Perform initial patient assessment.
2. Establish and maintain a patent airway, administer OXYGEN, and provide ventilatory assistance as required
3. Control bleeding
4. Treat the patient for multiple system trauma as required.
5. Care for amputated part:
 - ☐ Rinse off gross contaminants with Normal Saline.
 - ☐ Place amputated part in inverted sterile glove or plastic container and seal. Do not use moistened gauze.
 - ☐ Place glove or container in ice water or between cold packs -- do not pack in ice. Do not use dry ice.
6. If partial amputation dress injury in moist gauze and splint in alignment with extremity to ensure optimum blood flow. Avoid torsion when handling and splinting.

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7. Establish an IV of 0.9% Sodium Chloride. Initiate fluid resuscitation as necessary.
8. If indicated for pain, administer NITROUS OXIDE/OXYGEN:
 - ☐ Adult: 50/50 concentration self administered via inhalation. Do not use NITROUS OXIDE if patient is hypoxic or otherwise requires high-concentration OXYGEN.

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9. If indicated for pain, administer MORPHINE SULFATE:

- ❑ Adult: 2 mg slow IV push. Repeat every 3 to 5 minutes as needed, not to exceed 10 mg. OLMC may authorize additional doses. MORPHINE SULFATE should be titrated to patient response with careful attention to the patient's blood pressure and perfusion.
- ❑ If administering DEMEROL, also administer PHENERGAN 12.5 mg IV or 25 mg IM, to prevent nausea and potentiate the medication.
- ❑ Pediatric: 0.1mg/kg IV/IO/IM/SQ (Medical Control Only)
- ❑ If administering DEMEROL, also administer PHENERGAN 0.25 mg/kg IV or 0.5 mg/kg IM to prevent nausea and potentiate the medication

10. If patient is allergic to MORPHINE, administer DEMEROL:

- ❑ Adult: 25 to 50 mg slow IV/IM.
- ❑ If administering DEMEROL, also administer PHENERGAN 12.5 mg IV or 25 mg IM, to prevent nausea and potentiate the medication.
- ❑ Pediatric: 1 mg/kg IV/IM (Medical Control Only)
- ❑ If administering DEMEROL, also administer PHENERGAN 0.25 mg/kg IV or 0.5 mg/kg IM to prevent nausea and potentiate the medication

MEDICAL CONTROL ONLY

11. Administer other medication and/or carry out other interventions as directed by OLMC